

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 HONG K 05883 250234Z

13

ACTION EB-11

INFO OCT-01 EA-07 ISO-00 AGR-03 CIAE-00 COME-00 INR-10

LAB-02 NSAE-00 RSC-01 SP-03 STR-04 TRSE-00 SWF-02

CIEP-01 OMB-01 L-03 DRC-01 /050 W

----- 037347

R 240805Z MAY 74

FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0877

UNCLAS HONG KONG 5883

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD HK US

SUBJECT: TEXTILES: HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES NEW BILATERIAL
WITH US-INITIAL REACTION FAVORABLE

1. HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HELD PRESS CONFERENCE ON MORNING
OF MAY 24 TO ANNOUNCE TEXTILE ADVISORY BOARD APPROVAL
OF NEW AGREEMENT. SPOKESMAN (MILLS) STRESSED THAT
AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR A LARGE AMOUNT OF "INTERFIBER
FLEXIBILITY" WHICH SHOULD PERMIT GREATER UTILIZATION
OF QUOTA. HE ALSO SAID THAT "TRIGGER POINT" MECHANISM
WHICH HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF PROBLEMS IN THE PAST HAS BEEN
MODIFIED SO THAT FUTURE CONSULTATIONS WILL BE BASED
UPON HONG KONG'S EXPORT STATISTICS AND STATE OF US
MARKET; DISAGREEMENTS WILL NO LONGER BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO
UNILATERAL US ACTION BUT WILL BE REFERRED TO THE
TEXTILE SURVEILLANCE BODY OF THE GATT.

2. CONFERENCE TIMING WAS TOO LATE FOR MORNING QUALITY
PRESS BUT AFTERNOON TABLOIDS WAXED FAIRLY ECSTATIC.
IN 1 1/2 INCH HEADLINES, THE STAR ANNOUNCED
"BIG BOOST FOR TEXTILES TRADE," WHILE CHINA MAIL
QUOTED SOURCES AS SAYING TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS
WERE "THRILLED TO BITS" WITH AGREEMENT.

3. TEXT OF HONG KONG GOVERNMENT PRESS STATEMENT
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 HONG K 05883 250234Z

FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL.

CROSS

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TEXTILES, PRESS CONFERENCES, TRADE AGREEMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 24 MAY 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974HONGK05883
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740131-1098
From: HONG KONG
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740521/aaaaarrf.tel
Line Count: 62
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: martinjw
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 30 OCT 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <30 OCT 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <07 JAN 2003 by martinjw>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TEXTILES: HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES NEW BILATERAL WITH US-INITIAL REACTION FAVORABLE
TAGS: ETRD, HK, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005